

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
Immigration and Naturalization Service  
Washington, D. C.

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IN RE: Armando FLOREZ (Barra)

APPLICATION: For the benefits of section 212(a)(28)(I)(ii) of the  
Immigration and Nationality Act

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The subject is a citizen of Cuba and a resident of Spain, born March 28, 1931 in Havana, Cuba. He was found ineligible for a visa by the American Embassy in Madrid because of his former affiliation with the Communist government of Cuba. He now seeks classification as a defector in order to enter the United States for permanent residence to join his wife and children.

The record shows that the subject was a member of the Cuban Foreign Service from October 1959 until sometime in 1965. The subject claims that his employment by the government of Cuba was due to his personal and professional motivations rather than ideological. He was not a member of the Popular Socialist Party in pre-revolutionary days, the Integrated Revolutionary Organization, the PURS, or the official Communist Party of Cuba. He was a member of the Milicias Revolucionarias and the Comite de Defensa de la Revolucion during 1962-1965. He became disenchanted with the Communist government of Cuba during his assignment as Ambassador in Prague, Czechoslovakia prior to leaving that post in March 1965. Evidence has been submitted which attests to the subject's anti-Communist attitude and activities. It is apparent that the subject has been actively opposed to Communism for more than the past five years.

Recent security checks made by the Department of State have disclosed no additional derogatory information. That Department has found the subject to be a bona fide defector within the meaning of section 212 (a)(28)(I)(ii) of the Immigration and Nationality Act and that his entry into the United States would be in the public interest. This Service concurs in these findings.

IT IS ORDERED that the application be granted.

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Director, FBI

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